

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 10, 13 and 14 stand withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, the title is amended, claims 1, 7-9 and 11-12 are amended, and a substitute Abstract is provided.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. If applicable to present claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts, with respect to claim 1, that “the calculating step does not set forth what is compared to the reference.” If applicable to present claim 1, this assertion is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts, with respect to claim 7, that “in a context of” may have been intended to be specified as “on.” If applicable to present claim 7, this assertion is respectfully traversed. Claim 9 has been similarly amended.

The Office Action asserts, with respect to claim 11, that “ ‘and is sufficient’ is not understood.” If applicable to present claim 11, this assertion is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that, with respect to claim 12, “the claim appears to contain trademarked names.” If applicable to present claim 12, this assertion is respectfully traversed.

In addition, various amendments to adjust antecedent basis has been made.

The Office Action requires a new descriptive title. It is respectfully submitted that the amended title obviates this requirement.

The Office Action requires a new abstract. It is respectfully submitted that the substitute abstract obviates this requirement.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for the measurement of the concentration of a material such as dextran or raffinose in a solution, notably a sugar solution, includes the steps of measurement of the optical rotation of a solution sample, treatment of the sample with a reactive agent, measurement of the optical rotation of the sample after treatment to ascertain the difference that said treatment has made, and calculation of the concentration of the material by reference of said difference to a suitable standard. The reactive agent reacts with the material sufficiently to alter the optical rotation of the sample.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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